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Claims 1-20 is now in this application, and is presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Request for Three Month Extension of Time

Applicant hereby requests that the period for responding to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2007, set to expire on January 17, 2008, be extended by THREE (3) months, so as to expire on April 17, 2008. Applicant is a large entity.

Payment is being provided with the filing of this Amendment.

Please charge any additional fees for this extension of time to Deposit Account No. 07-1524.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 12-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, on the ground that the phrase "R² represents a derivative" is unclear.

By this amendment, applicants have amended claim 12 to delete the objected to language, and instead, to recite "R² represents a hydrogen atom, an amino group, a hydroxyl group, a thiol group or a functional amino acid derivative." No new matter is presented.

It is submitted that claim 12 is now sufficiently clear.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 12-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

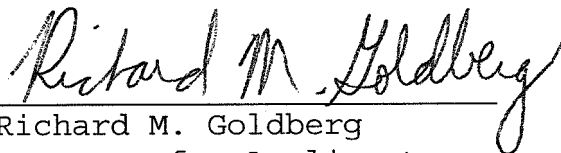
In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by check attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee, or any other fee required in connection with this Paper, to Account No. 07-1524.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1524.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-20 are allowable, and

early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard M. Goldberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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